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In a far-ranging State of the District address on Jan. 30, District 2 Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell touched on everything from monarch butterflies and pesticide use to housing, homelessness, electric scooters, and short-term vacation rentals.

The event at Liberty Station Conference Center was hosted by Campbell in partnership with Point Loma Nazarene University.

Campbell and staffers Joshua, Carrie Munson, Seamus Kennedy, Monica Eslamian and Teddy Martinez also presented Neighbors Of The Year and Small Businesses Of The Year awards to deserving constituents in Point Loma, Ocean Beach, and Midway, as well as Pacific and Mission beaches, Linda Vista/Morena and Clairemont. The district also includes Bay Ho/Bay Park.

Campbell looked forward — and back — during her inaugural, year-beginning address.

“Last year the Council unanimously approved a new community action plan on homelessness while moving us toward our goal of 100% renewable energy and a council committee recently declared a climate emergency,” said Campbell. “I want to focus on how San Diego can shrink its carbon footprint while creating a better plan for our kids and grandkids. My focus is not just on the natural environment, but also on our city environment. We filled over 3,000 potholes, patched miles of road and fixed more than a thousand streetlights, just in District 2.”

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Pacific Beach Planning Group election is March 11

The Pacific Beach Planning Group will conduct its annual election March 11 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St. There are five seats available for PB residents, and three seats available for business owners/operators within PB, and have attended two PBPG meetings prior to the election. One meeting must be a PBPG general meeting, and the second meeting can be a general meeting or any of the subcommittee meetings.

Those interested in running for an open seat need to contact Steve Pruett, PBPG election committee chair, at Swimski55@gmail.com or 310-472-9320, to obtain an application. PBPG is recognized to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff and other governmental agencies on land-use matters. For more information visit Pbplanning.org.

Beach residents, visitors react to scooter boardwalk ban

Local reaction was mostly positive to City Council’s recent 5-4 vote banning motorized vehicles, including electric scooters, on Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla Shores boardwalks, as well as along Mission Bay Park reproduced.

Bird reacted to the recent scooter boardwalk ban.

“Bird is a committed member of the San Diego community, and we are grateful to residents, local businesses, and community organizations that have championed and supported shared-e-scooters,” said Tim Harter of Bird. “While we are disappointed in the City of San Diego’s decision to ban all motorized devices on the boardwalk, we are supportive of Council’s direction to speed up infrastructure improvements along Mission Boulevard.

“We look forward to continuing to partner with the City to help provide a reliable and environmentally friendly transportation option to help locals and visitors easily get around town, connect to transit, and enjoy everything the city has to offer, as well as improving safety measures for all.”

Beach residents Gay Wonacott, recent past Mission Beach Town Council president, and Bill Zent of Pacific Beach, who authored a petition drive to curb scooters, were pleased by the City Council’s action.

“MB residents and visitors to our community will now be able to walk on our boardwalks during the summer months with much less risk of being run over,” said Wonacott. “But this is a decision that never should have been required this long after the e-mobility devices were introduced by Bird, Lime and others.”

“I am extremely pleased with the job Councilmember Barbara Bry did on the scooter issue”, said Zent. “We achieved a permanent ban in key areas such as the boardwalk. Numerous people who signed my petition were thrilled and sent me emails expressing their appreciation to all who worked to resolve a dangerous problem here in San Diego.

“I don’t think they should ban them because a lot of people use them,” said Don Ofer of Las Boulevards. “It makes sense. It’s probably a good call. I think it’s fair.”

“Scooters companies like Lime leaving once this ordinance was announced highlights the fact that they never came here to provide mobility. They came to leverage our tourism into a profit while selling their goods for free on our streets and sidewalks.”

Beach visitors largely agreed that a scooter boardwalk ban was proper.

I have mixed feelings, 50-50, about having a full ban,” said Cristen Clemetson of Bay Beach. “Everybody’s going to make money from it. They do it in all the other cities. I’ve never seen anybody stupid on them. I don’t have a problem with it.”

“Due to speed, maybe [the ban is] applicable as people don’t know how to slow down,” said Matt Collamer, visiting from Boston. “It makes sense. It’s probably a good call. I think it’s fair.”

The council Jan. 28 also opted to reduce the scooter geofencing speed limit from 8 to 3 mph in some areas.

On the beachfront, motorized scooters and bicycles will now only be allowed to travel at a maximum of 3 miles per hour in the following locations:
• On the public walkway on Ocean Front Walk in Mission Beach, beginning at the South Mission Beach Jetty northward to the terminus of the public walkway at Ocean Boulevard at Low Street in Pacific Beach.

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You don’t need a special day or even an excuse to do it. It’s something we all do. Some people do it before bed, some at midnight, and more than you think do it cold in the morning. It’s perfectly normal. Eating pizza is a national pastime.

In San Diego’s beach communities, there are a variety of pizzas to choose from – from healthy cauliflower crust to Detroit-style sheet pizza to old school Italian hot pies – you’re going to find a slice of love.

With National Pizza Day this weekend on Feb. 9, San Diego Community Newspaper Group decided to highlight some of the local pizzas that our readers may enjoy.

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Powerhaus Wholesome Pizza & Eats really packs a culinary wallop, serving wholesome pizzas, superfood smoothies, nourishing wraps, unique salads and Kombucha on tap. A variety of pizzas to meet customers’ health needs are offered including high protein crusts, two gluten-free options, a traditional garlic herb made with organic flour, and a unique and crispy cauliflower crust.

Powerhaus uses only wholesome, nutritious, all-natural and organic ingredients. Dairy is grass-fed, and all meats used are naturally-raised with plant-based, vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options.

“At Powerhaus Wholesome Pizza & Eats, we serve an elevated and health-driven take of the craveable foods you love,” said pizzeria owner Anisha Blodgett. “Our pizzas are made with nutritious, natural, organic, grass-fed, and farm-fresh ingredients. We provide vegan, gluten-free, and macro-friendly options to meet your health needs. Visit our beach-themed restaurant in Pacific Beach. We’re here to feed the yogi, adventurer, and athlete in you to nourish your body and power your soul.”

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Powerhaus Wholesome Pizza & Eats
1550 Garnet Ave.
858-886-7666
powerhauspizza.com.

SQUARE PIZZA CO.
For something a little different, Square Pizza offers thin-crust Boston Beach Pizza, Upside-down Sicilian, and Detroit Style pies. The pizzeria owners grew up in the North Shore of Boston, where there’s a style of pizza called “Beach Pizza,” which they decided to bring to San Diego. But they didn’t stop there, on a trip to Brooklyn they tried pizza where cheese went down first, then sauce on top. It looked and sounded different, and they loved it. Then they included Detroit’s favorite sheet pizza that has a soft yet crispy bottom dough, caramelized cheese around the edges and house-made sauce on top. All three styles are available, along with gluten-free options, for an amazing pizza experience.

“We took the best of local favorites from Boston, New York, and Detroit and put our spin on it to make great pizza,” said Fred Santos, Square Pizza Co. owner.

Square Pizza Co.
4508 Cass St.
858-412-4469
squarepizzaco.com.

MARINO’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
A classic, sit-down, family-run, time-honored classic Italian restaurant in Pacific Beach, Marino’s Italian Restaurant is considered by many to be a hidden gem.

“Our family-owned business has been serving PB since 1954,” said restaurant spokesperson Camille Gordon-Kling. “Our pizza dough and sauce has been made the same way, by hand, for the last 66 years. Try it with sausage, made in house, or fresh veggies.”

Hours at this old-school neighborhood venue offering traditional pizza and various pasta dishes in vibrant, colorful surroundings are 4 to 9 p.m. daily.

Marino’s Italian Restaurant
4475 Ingraham St.
858-490-0168.
MAMMA MIA

There are few things that are better than fresh, made-to-order thin-crust pizza pies – and Mamma Mia’s Italian restaurant has some of the best. The quaint eatery masquerades as a small home-style cottage but inside smells of baked bread and home-made pasta. Some of the more original pizzas on this their menu include the Cotto E Funghi Pizza with ham and mushrooms, the Polpette Pizza with meat sauce, meatballs and provolone cheese along with the Ligure Piza with pesto, mozzarella cheese, and sautéed shrimp.

Mamma Mia’s pizza is not only delicious but also light! In fact, you could be eating a great, Italian-style pizza with only under 800 calories (ask chef Cinzia Mezzetti or her staff for more information). They also offer gluten-free options.

Mamma Mia Italian
1932 Balboa Ave
858-272-2702
mammamiasandiego.com

MISSION BEACH

ROSARIA PIZZA

Here is a trendy spot for pasta and sandwiches, as well as innovative options including their Vietnamese-style pizza. The restaurant is committed to making its customers happy with only the freshest ingredients used and the cooking stove provides the latest in technology contributing to just the right amount of crisp in the end product of dough and bread.

“We have a Vietnamese sweet and spicy pulled pork pizza that we’re famous for,” according to Rosaria cooks. “It’s saucy and spicy, we use chili powder flakes, and very interesting. Once you try it you go, ‘Oh, my God.’”

Rosaria Pizza
3741 Mission Blvd.
858-488-7220
rosariapizza.com

GABBIANO PIZZA

Pizza toppings include pepperoni, Italian sausage, Canadian bacon, salami, fresh garlic, mushrooms, onions, green peppers, black olives, jalapeno peppers, pineapple, fresh tomatoes, anchovies, turkey, extra cheese, pepperoncini's, genoa salami, Cotto salami, artichoke, chicken, and bacon.

Pizza crust used at Rosaria is just right, not too thick or thin. There is also a deep-dish pizza choice on the menu. A total of 13 different styles of pizza are available. The eatery also offers pastas, chicken wings, sandwiches, and salads.

Gabbiano Pizza
2912 Mission Blvd.
858-488-4010

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

In 1959, Bill Larson opened the first Round Table Pizza in Menlo Park where he envisioned a gathering place where you could “share a little pizza with someone

The Margherita pizza at Mamma Mia, which is on special Wednesdays and Sundays.

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Frédéric Auguste Barbedienne statue in Balboa Park.

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A traditional cheese and sausage pie from Gabbiano in Mission Beach.

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The Mediterranean pie at Powerhaus Wholesome Pizza & Eats.

**PIZZA**  
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you love,” which is why Belmont Park is the perfect place for the latest shop. Families can ride the Giant Dipper roller coaster, bumper cars, or Liberty Carousel working up an appetite for King Arthur-themed pizza with gold-standard ingredients, nobby topped to the edge, and classic recipes, hand-crafted in the same manner for almost six decades. Try Guinevere’s Garden Delight, Montagoue’s All Meat Marvel or King Arthur’s Supreme. Round Table Pizza 3146 Mission Blvd. 858-228-9292 roundtablepizza.com.

**LUIGI’S AT THE BEACH**

It might surprise most people to hear that a slice of pizza at Luigi’s At The Beach on Mission Boulevard is $6.50. But it’s even more surprising to be presented with a slice of pizza that’s bigger than your torso. While it might induce a food coma, the oven-baked pizza, made from scratch, is worth every penny. The New York-style slice is fresh and perfect to fold and bite. Whether it’s a regular cheese slice or topped with anchovies and broccoli, one slice of this Mission Beach delicacy could feed a family for a week.

Luigi’s At The Beach 3210 Mission Blvd. 858-488-2818 luigisatthebeach.com.

**CITY TACOS OPENS**

City Tacos opened its doors from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Pacific Beach on Friday, Jan. 31 and offered free tacos for the grand opening. “I am eclectic to continue growing the City Tacos family across the great city of San Diego,” said owner Gerry Torres.

Pacific Beach locals and visitors can enjoy a new space complete with familiar menu favorites. The location, at 4316 Mission Blvd., features bright mural artwork, an iconic neon sign featuring a slogan, and beachside scenery.

Guests can try house favorites, such as the Pollo City Taco alongside a signature subsa bar, a rotating selection of aquas frescas and Mexican beers on tap. The Pacific Beach location will also offer core Paleo, vegan and vegetarian menu selections.

City Tacos has continued to offer a unique taco lineup since the opening of its first location in North Park. From here, the City Tacos family has expanded to include locations in La Mesa, Imperial Beach, Encinitas and a recent opening in Sorrento Valley.

The tapas in Pacific Beach will be its sixth location.

**SURF RIDER PROPERTY FOR SALE**

The Patio Group sold continues with a second “wave” of properties, including all Surf Rider Pizza locations (Mission Beach, La Mesa and Ocean Beach), joining the auction block. Next Wave Commercial, which recently represented entrepreneur Steve Young in pursuing The Holding Company in OB, is handling the listing of five fast-casual restaurants, including Surf Rider.

Founded in OB in 2010, East Coast Surf Rider was brought under the umbrella of The Patio Group in 2015. In addition to the Surf Rider spots, which range in size from 3,029-square-feet to 4,143-square-feet, the available sites also include the now-shuttered Bao Beach, which opened in 2016 on Mission Boulevard and served an Asian-inspired menu.

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Dance for all ages at Tap Fever in Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Give dance a chance at nonprofit Tap Fever Studios in Pacific Beach, implores owner Larisa Hall.

It’s been quite a metamorphosis for Hall, who previously worked in broadcast television in San Diego. She transitioned over completely to dance opening her first dance studio 12 years ago in April 2008.

“I’ve always danced since I was a kid — tap, ballet, and contemporary and hip hop when I got older,” said Hall, who was born with misshapen feet and used dance to help correct them. “Once I was an adult, I started subbing dance classes for other teachers. And then I realized I liked doing this.”

Looking around then, Hall said, “I noticed a lack of classes for adults, especially tap, I said, ‘Wow, there should be a tap studio in San Diego.’”

So she created one.

“I wanted a place that felt very homey and welcoming,” Hall said. “I created Tap Fever so there’s a place for everybody who wants to be able to dance.”

Tap Fever started out in La Jolla, then was on Turquoise Street in north PB before moving on to Garnet Avenue where patrons could more easily find parking, and it was also close to the freeway.

Hall said her youngest dance pupil is age 2 1/2 and her oldest students are in their 70s and 80s.

“There are some people who have been dancing with us since we opened in 2008,” said Hall noting about half of her students are adults. “We have great programs for both kids and adults. ‘We have great programs for both kids and adults, said Hall adding. ‘I’m excited about what we have to offer as far as tap goes. But I don’t want to shortchange the other programs we have. Our ballet program is fantastic. We have an adult ballet class as well.’

Tap Fever Studios provides accessible dance opportunities to people of all ages, with and without disabilities, empowering students to achieve their goals through the performing arts.

The studio offers both one-on-one and small-group instruction. Tap Fever is now in a former single-family home at 2146 Garnet Ave. Whether you’re a toddler, young child, a junior or an adult or senior, Tap Fever has a class to aid students in achieving their goals.

Tap Fever offers three, 16-week sessions throughout the year. “Our big recital is April 25, and then we have a holiday show in December,” noted Hall.

What’s fun about teaching dance?

“Everything, even stuff like doing the website,” answered Hall. “I never thought I’d do a website, but now that I’ve done it — it’s fun,” Hall said. “The challenging part, as a nonprofit, is having the funds, getting the donations, to cover things.”

Added Hall, “The best part is just seeing how excited people get about class, about choreography and performing and the costumes. People tell me all the time, ‘Dance is their therapy.’ Even if they’re having a bad day, they feel better after they come and take a dance class.’”

For more information, visit tapfever.com.

Pacific Beach real estate roundup

1641 Grand Ave: (formerly KFC): is available for lease. “I suspect national retailers such as Carl’s Jr., Chick-fil-A and others to fiercely compete for this space,” said Tony Franco, of The Franco Realty Group.

929-933 Garnet Ave.: (currently occupied by G3 Kids and The Mad Beet) was sold in January. The tenants are on long-term leases and are not going anywhere. The Boyer Family Trust has owned the property since the 1950s. The property sold for $3.5 million to Marigold Investors LLC and the Franco Realty Group represented the buyer and the seller. This was the first sales transaction on the 800 block of Garnet Avenue in decades.

“I have represented the Boyer Family Trust for nearly 15 years helping them put in various tenants such as Pink Zone, Mad Beet and G3 Kids,” said Franco. “At one point, we had an offer to lease out the Pink Zone space to an adult bookstore. However, we chose G3 Kids for less money because it was a better choice for the community.”

For more information, contact The Franco Realty Group at 858-717-1697.

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Bikesmith Bob has kept Pacific Beach pedaling for 50 years

By JACK GATES | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Bob knows bikes. He should. He’s been fixing flats, changing chains and brushing-up brakes since 1970. That’s half a century! “Who would have thought I’d still be repairing bikes,” says 73-year-old Bob Bohn, owner of The Bikesmith on Garnet Avenue, near Lamont Street. “I’ve been in this bright yellow building for a long time. I painted it yellow so people would notice it.”

Bob started working at a PB bike shop in 1970. “I was fresh out of the Navy. I worked as a battleship mechanic. There was a job opening at a bike repair shop and I always liked fixing things, working with my hands. I wasn’t really looking at bicycles as a profession. I didn’t choose it, it chose me.”

But it was a good choice. When his employer’s shop closed in 1978, Bohn opened his own place in PB, The Bikesmith. He’s been there repairing and selling bikes ever since.

Bob admits, “I really think of myself as more than just a bike repair guy.” He considers himself a true bicycle mechanic. “I work and restore racing bikes, mountain bikes, beach cruisers, foreign bikes, even rare models. You never know who or what is going to come through the front door. One day I was repairing a tricycle and right next to it I was working on a $3,500 high-end racing bike.”

Bob says things have changed a lot since the bike heydays of the 1980s when BMX and mountain bikes flooded the market. At one time he had two full-time mechanics, beside himself. “Now, it’s just me. My meat and potato business is fixing flats. I average fixing five flats a day, 30 a week. But I sell enough refurbished bikes and do enough tune-ups, cleaning, brake work, and rim repairs to keep me in business.”

And his PB business has accumulated a lot over the decades. The old-school shop is chocked full of floor-to-ceiling bikes. His walls are festooned with tires, pedals, handlebars, seats, inner tubes and memorabilia. There’s only enough room for a single line worn path to the front counter.

“This is the shop time forgot. I have something for everybody’s bike needs,” says Bob. “That’s why so many people have come here and keep coming back. I give people quality work for a fair price.”

While many his age are retired or thinking of retirement, the 73-year-old Bohn says he doesn’t know how long he’ll continue working. “I’m here six days a week. I bring my lunch every day. I enjoy the people. I’ll be repairing bikes as long as I physically can.”

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Mission Bay will see the arrival of large lounge boat this fall

By FRANK SATARRIN JR | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Food, drinks, and family fun are in store aboard a 1,900-square-foot vessel destined for Mission Bay waters. Conceived by Brad Hunter of AQUAlounge, construction of the 149 passenger craft begins March 1 by Marine Group Boat Works in Chula Vista. It carries a price tag of $5 million.

Despite possessing all the elements of party boat — bars on two levels and room for live music and dancing on the main deck — Hunter stresses the venue will appeal to passengers of all ages.

The yet-to-be-named boat will drift around the bay day and night from its primary dock at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina. It will offer “regular public programs” in-between private events.

Those opportunities will include a “Mediterranean day club” in the afternoons; two-hour dinners in the early evenings; and lounge events.

There will also be champagne brunches on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as a “weekend brunch” for ages 21 years of age and older, from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“We’re shooting for higher-end organic dishes,” he said, adding that the main chef will soon be announced.

The project has been six years in the making, due mainly to the arduous task of securing approval from the City of San Diego and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The first meeting I had with the city was in 2013, and final approval was in spring of last year,” noted Hunter, who is a Mission Beach resident and the owner of a local software company.

Hunter embarked on the venture after fliriting with the idea of building a “fancy pontoon” to enjoy with his friends. He then realized there weren’t many options for San Diegans to enjoy being on the water in respect to dining and entertainment, so he began creating renderings of vessels that would hold at least 100 people.

“I reached out to the hotels around Mission Bay to see if there was any interest, and I got very good responses,” he recalls. “They were super helpful in getting the project approved.”

He then took his plan to naval architect/designer Michael Dockter of the locally based Marine Design company. Compared to Dockter’s previous projects involving yachts, barges and naval boats, Hunter’s vision was unique.

“This is a very different type of passenger vessel because of the large, open mid-deck,” said Dockter. “Also, the back of the boat has three walls, but no front wall. And the front has three walls and no back wall.”

To alleviate weight while still giving the boat a “five-star hotel look,” Dockter selected faux teak for the deck, vinyl paneling for the walls, and tin-stamped tiles for the ceiling. The vessel’s side panels, however, are glass to give the overall construct a sleek, luxe look.

In addition, the electrical system will run on a 24-volt DC battery in lieu of a generator, allowing everything to operate noise-free when the boat is sitting still.

“There won’t be any other entertainment boats that look like this,” Dockter added.

Which is exactly what Hunter intended when looking at the area competition, which includes Hornblower, the Bahia Belle, and the historic Ohana.

“These aren’t really marketed much toward the general public,” said Hunter. “We’re using the term ‘floating day club’ and really want to appeal to the locals.”

Boarding prices, he added, will be stick closely to market costs — about $28 for one-hour cruises and $51 for two hours or more. There will also be brunch and dinner packages as well as membership options.

Hunter says the boat will be ready for business immediately after building is complete in mid to late fall. For more information and updates, visit aqualounge.net.

A sundeck sits atop two levels of the 3,900-square-foot boat.
Mission Bay High School's music program is holding a jazz concert series in its Japanese Friendship Gardens at Balboa Park. Running Feb. 3 through May 21, funds raised by these performances go towards helping the school's college bound students, the Preservationists and Mambo Orchestra travel to New Orleans and Cuba in 2020. The series kicks off with Euphoria Brass Band, an award-winning combo led by the school's music director, JP Balmat that melds New Orleans traditional brass band jazz with a bit of funk, for a sound that’s joyful, fun and danceable.

Euphoria Brass Band: Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park, 2215 Pan American Road E. 7 p.m. $20. All ages. missionbaymusic.com.

Anyone who is looking for a romantic night out, with a jazz soundtrack, will want to hear the 12th annual Valentine's Day Tribute to Pops and Ella, aka Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, taking place at Dizzy's on Feb. 14. Vocalist Leonard Patton will be joined by two Grammy nominees; trumpeter Curtis Taylor and singer Sara Gazarek, with Ed Devere (bass) and Duncan Moore (drums). Expect a set that's big on the hits, of material that's second to none.

Legendary guitarist Ross the Boss, aka Ross Friedman, performs with “What A Wonderful World” Feb. 13 from noon-3 p.m at Robb School and the Ocean Beach Surf and Skate Shop and the Ocean Beach Surf and Skate Shop. Friedman's band will perform Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park.

Ocean Beach Surf and Skate Shop and the Ocean Beach Elementary PTA are partnering to hold the 10th annual Skate for the Kids fundraiser on Feb. 9 from noon-3 p.m. at Robb Field Skate Park. This event serves as a fun way to bring the community together, for a little fun in the sun, of skating, and encourage healthy habits while supporting our beloved neighborhood school. “Providing rich educational programs and a positive learning environment is critical for developing the next generation of strong, creative individuals,” said Jessica Fernandez, president of the OB Elementary PTA. “This annual event raises funds to provide classroom materials, enriching programs... and many other needs for the children of OB Elementary. Each year we rely on local community-minded businesses and their generous support to make Skate for the Kids Day a success.”

The event will have live music from local bands and DJs, a free skateboarding clinic provided by Ocean Beach Surf and Skate, youth and adult skate contests, Hodad’s burgers and other food for sale, and a silent auction and raffle with prizes from dozens of OB and San Diego businesses. The day will kick off with a clinic to teach beginners skate form and basic tricks. Later, more experienced skaters are invited to enter the skate contests and compete for prizes. Attendees will have the chance to bid on items in the silent auction and buy tickets for several raffles that will be held throughout the day. The event wraps up with a skate jam where some of OB’s most talented skaters will show off their best tricks.

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▪ On Feb. 1, Mission Bay International Baccalaureate marine science students participated in the Love Your Wetlands Day at Kendall Frost Preserve and presented their project about sea spray aerosols. A joint project with UCSD and Center for Aerosol Impacts on Chemistry of the Environment (CAICE), students took air samples to learn about the chemistry of aerosols, climate, and the environment.

Teacher Steve Walters explained: “We had a busy day with our marine science students presenting their aerosol experiment, our Climate Kids ambassadors reaching out to the younger crowd, and the Mission Bay Eco Club demonstrating with a watershed model.”

▪ Japanese Friendship Garden Concert Series. Produced by the students of the award-winning Mission Bay High School music department, in partnership with the Japanese Friendship Garden in San Diego and the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society, the Japanese Friendship Garden Concert Series is a new jazz program of unique live performances, from February to May, set against the serene backdrop of the Japanese Friendship Garden within the halls of the elegant Inamori Pavilion.

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Music educator Stephen Luchs was recognized by the California Music Educators Association – Southern Border Section, as the Hall of Fame recipient at the Fortissimos Awards Gala on Jan. 25 in Liberty Station. Luchs has been working with San Diego Unified School District for over 30 years and has made a huge impact in the lives of many students.

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McClain making a splash for Mission Bay water polo

By DAVE THOMAS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Mission Bay High senior Callie McClain is doing all she can to help her team finish strong and make some memories in the process.

McClain, a goalie for the girls’ water polo team, came into her final season at Mission Bay with several goals in mind. Yes, one such goal is keeping the opponents from getting their own goals.

As head coach Lyndsay Sutterley sees it, McClain has grown during her four years with the program.

“I have been fortunate enough to work with Callie for her last three seasons,” Sutterley said. “In Callie’s final season, I would love to see her continue to show her skills as a prominent leader of the team. She is the backbone of the Mission Bay team."

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Astronaut Jessica Meir inspires middle school and graduate students to reach for the stars

By VICTORIA DAVIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Between traveling around the earth at 5 miles a second, conducting DNA sequencing and combustion experiments, plus watching the sun rise and set 16 times a day, La Jolla marine biologist Jessica Meir made time to video chat with 150 middle school students from the international space station.

“It really means so much for me to be able to share my life up here with all of you,” said Meir at the beginning of her livestream call with Scripps Institution of Oceanography and San Diego’s Fulton Middle School and Memorial Preparatory for Scholars and Athletes — two schools supported by Birch Aquarium’s Price Philanthropies Ocean Science Education Fund. “It really is one of the big objectives of my mission…to share this experience with as many people as I can because I am so incredibly fortunate to be up here.”

Scripps hosted the livestreaming event. STEM to Stars, on Monday, Jan. 27, and students both from the middle schools and Scripps own graduate program had the opportunity to ask Meir pre-prepared questions about her time as a scientist and brand-new astronaut. The Q&A was emceed by UC San Diego astrophysicist Brian Keating and Scripps Oceanography Director Margaret Leinen.

“Are you the first woman in space, was a long-time professor of physics at UC San Diego,” said Meir, who entertained many a middle schooler with her demonstrations of zero gravity and floating up to the ceiling and suspending her microphone in midair.

“For half an hour, Meir shared with students her long journey to becoming an astronaut. The biologist and physiologist has traveled around the world, studying animals that thrive in extreme habitats, her most notable adventure being the research she conducted observing emperor penguins in Antarctica. But starting from writing down her dream to become an astronaut in her middle school diary, to applying to NASA in 2013, it’s been the mysteries of space that have always called her to space in 2009 and helped repair the international space station.

“The most important thing to do is to do what you care about,” said Meir to the students. “Once you’ve done that, you do need to work really hard to make those dreams come true. And it sounds a bit trite when I say it, but it really is true. The point is, really, anyone can do it if that’s what you set your mind out to.”

Moreno added, “Not only am I excited for my own future, but also for the futures of all my other peers in the crowd who maybe resonated with her words of encouragement just as much as I did.”

Scripps has quite the portfolio when it comes to sending their students to space, Meir being one of three alumni who have traveled to the “final frontier.” Megan McArthur, who holds a Ph.D. in Oceanography from Scripps, traveled to space in 2009 and helped repair the Hubble telescope. Kate Rubins, who studied microbial biology as an undergraduate, became the first person to sequence DNA in space. Sally Ride, the first woman in space, was a long-time professor of physics at UC San Diego.

“There does seem to be a trend with UCSD and female astronauts,” said Meir, who entertained many a middle schooler with her demonstrations of zero gravity by floating up to the ceiling and suspending her microphone in midair.

According to Wood, Scripps would like to host more livestreaming events like this in the future to encourage more Title 1 and graduate students in their galactic pursuits.

“The most important thing to do is to make sure that you identify your passion and do what it is that you really care about,” said Meir to the students. “Once you’ve done that, you do need to work

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Callie McClain is always looking to create goals for her and her teammates and stop opposing teams from scoring their own.

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receive a large amount of college credit for the courses that I took throughout high school. I plan on going to Northeastern University in Boston for college. My intended major is civil engineering.

BBP: How has playing water polo helped you grow as an individual and athlete?

McClain: Water polo, in my opinion, is one of the most difficult sports to play. Not only do you have to be an extremely strong swimmer, but you also need to know how to tread water, pass the ball, or block a ball (depending on your position). Polo has taught me a lot about managing my time and about staying accountable for my commitments. I’ve also developed as an athlete by continuously increasing my strength and constantly increasing my goalie knowledge.

BBP: Any advice for anyone interested in coming out for the team next season?

McClain: Water polo is a great opportunity for anyone looking to make some amazing friends, and get in some good exercise. Our games and tournaments are always a blast. We have lots of team bonding events and the whole team is so nice and welcoming. My only advice is to work hard and constantly strive for improvement. Never give up.
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